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INVESTIGATIONAL NOTES.¹

Some important changes have been made recently in the personnel and work of the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture. Up to the present writing the following men have been chosen to head important work in this office: Dr. H. C. Taylor, for a number of years Professor of Agricultural Economics at Madison, Wisconsin, has been appointed Chief; Mr. Asher Hobson of Pullman, Washington, has been appointed Assistant Chief; Mr. F. W. Peck of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station; St. Paul, Minnesota, has been placed in charge of the Cost of Production Investigations; Dr. L. C. Gray of Peabody Institute, Tennessee, heads the Division of Land Utilization; and Mr. Charles J. Galpin of Madison, Wisconsin, will be in charge of Country Life Studies.

The Office of Farm Management has recently concluded a repetition Farm Management Survey in Sumter County, Georgia, and in Catawba County, North Carolina. These surveys have been made five years apart and the studies have been of absorbing interest in indicating the changes that have occurred in the system of farming in this five-year period.

Cost of cotton studies are being made by the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, in representative areas in Texas, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

A coöperative cost of tobacco project with the Kentucky Experiment Station has been arranged by the Office of Farm Management, and field men are now at work studying the fundamental basic unit factors of cost in typical areas of Kentucky.

The Illinois Experiment Station has recently formed a department of Farm Organization and Farm Management headed by W. F. Handschin. The Texas Experiment Station has also organized a department of Farm and Ranch Economics in charge of H. M. Elliott. The Utah Experiment Station announces that E. B. Brossard is to be in charge of Farm Management work in that Institution. There seems to be a steadily increasing interest in Farm Management and Farm Economic investigations in the various State institutions.

¹ The editor will welcome letters containing news notes relating to progress of farm management work in various state institutions.

The Minnesota Experiment Station is planning a Land Settlement Investigation looking towards methods of land colonization and settlement in cut over areas in Northern Minnesota. At the present time this work is coöperative between the Division of Agronomy and Farm Management and the Division of Agricultural Economics of the above institution.

The College of Agriculture at Cornell University is making an exhaustive investigation on the cost factors in milk production through the Department of Farm Management in charge of Professor G. F. Warren. Mr. Misner is in direct charge of the field work.

The Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, has recently completed a two year's study of small farms near the cities of Columbus, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

At the recent cotton conference held at New Orleans a \$100,000,000 cotton Export Corporation was formed to aid in procuring markets in the foreign countries for the consumption of American-grown cotton. This appears to be a constructive step to increase the marketing facilities for the growers of cotton.

EXTENSION NOTES.

Mr. Allen W. Manchester, formerly county agent of Litchfield County, was appointed and assumed duty as Farm Management Demonstrator for Connecticut on December 16 last.

The New Hampshire College of Agriculture secured the services of Mr. Albert B. Genung, who assumed the duties of Farm Management Demonstrator on December 16, 1918.

Mr. Wesley H. Bronson resumed his duties as Farm Management Demonstrator in Massachusetts after having served a war-time enlistment in the Navy.

Messrs. L. J. Norton and E. C. Young were appointed on February 1 and April 1, respectively, as Assistant Farm Management Demonstrators in New York State.

Mr. Charles P. Clark resigned his position as Assistant Demonstrator in New York State on March 31 to take up farming.

Mr. Paschal K. Whelpton, formerly Scientific Assistant in the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, began his duties as Farm Management Demonstrator in Nebraska on February 21 last.